

EXPANDABLE, NO-SHRINK SHIRT COLLAR

Abstract of the Disclosure

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A shirt collar in which the material forming at least the neckband, but alternatively both the neckband and the collar, is made of a stretchable material that yields in a circumferential direction when a circumferential tensile force is applied thereto, and which shrinks only negligibly in a circumferential direction in the event of shrinkage of the neckband. In a preferred embodiment, the neckband is made of a woven fabric comprised of warp and weft threads, with at least some of the threads arranged on a bias so that in the event the length of the threads shrinks there is only a negligible reduction in the circumferential size of the collar, and the collar is stretchable in a direction parallel to the circumferential direction. In another form of the invention, the neckband is made of a non-elastomeric material that has a plurality of holes in it which elongate when a tensile force is applied circumferentially to the neckband, resulting in elongation of the neckband. The stitching that forms the seams attaching the collar to the neckband, and the neckband to the body of the shirt, may be applied in a pattern, e.g., zig-zag or skip stitching, that enables the seams to stretch in the circumferential direction of the collar.